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TAs Walk

by Patricia Ho-Coy

"They just handed this (CUEW flyer) to me and asked me if I knew the TA's were on strike," said a third year Fine Arts student.

Scarborough students were a little bewildered by their encounter of a TA strike upon their first week back from reading week, but slowly the reality has set in.

Some students have accepted it (for the present) with a relief that their work load has been lightened. Any intelligent student would realize, however, that we are the ones losing out right now.

The TA's have been asking students to boycott their classes, and although this suggestion is extremely tempting, it is not very easy to do.

At this time of year when finals are just around the corner, students are already too concerned with their studies to consider what could happen if they do not go to their classes.

Those who are considering a boycott are hesitant to be the first ones and are worried that they might be the only ones.

Then of course there are those truly dedicated students that are attending their tutorials even without their TA's.

"There was no TA in my Brain Mech class...but we did our presentations anyway," laughed Arnold Ramirez, a third year pre-med student.

Most students seem to agree with Ramirez' point, "I paid for my classes, I'm not going to fail."

How would you feel about an increase in tuition fees if it was necessary to hire more TA's?

"Well, as students, we have no choice in the matter; even if I object, I still have to pay, it's our education," said Paul Verayo, a Humanities student.

"If we do accommodate them, they (the University) are going to have to use discretion to see where they're going to cut the budget; we have to ask ourselves, what will we stand to lose?"

Since this is the first strike in U of T's history, "We have no prior experience to guide us," expressed Principal Williams at a recent College Council meeting.

Principal Williams emphasized that the college's main concern was that "students in any one course must get equal treatment."

In terms of boycotting classes, it is up to the individual student to decide whether they want to take the risk, but as Principal Williams acknowledged, :the University will remain open, there will be no lockout, and classes will continue."

Should We Boycott

"We do 40% of the work and get 2% of the pay," said Vanessa Kelly, the liason officer and spokesperson for the Canadian Union of Educational Workers (CUEW), Local 2.

Kelly is one of the 2,400 or so teaching assistants at U of T who went legal strike on Thursday, February 23, 1989.

The TA strike has come as a surprise to most Scarborough students, but is has long been an option for the TA Union.

A strike vote was held back in November 1988, where 74.1% of the TA's who voted were in favour of a strike. This majority gave the Union executive the authorization it needed to go ahead with strike action.

"Our contracts expired on Aug. 31st(1988),"explained Kelly. The bargaining committee has been trying to negotiate with the U of T administration since last June, but has experienced "eight months of frustration and fruitless negotiation.

Management refused to communicate, and you need to communicate; they just refused to bargain. We had no sense of what we were dealing with," continued Kelly.

U of T management finally presented a proposal to the Union on Feb. 7th and called for a vote themselves, but of the 1400 TA's who cast their vote, 825 rejected the proposal.

Kelly assured that the strike is not a wage issue; the TA's are striking for certain rights and to make some important changes and additions to their contracts.

"We want the right to grieve individual hiring decisions," said Kelly. For instance, if a graduate student applies for a teaching job and is denied, the TA should have the right to grieve the decision and have the application reviewed.

The issue of class size is also a large concern for TA's. "There is a gross overwork situation," exclaimed Kelly. "We want a cap on classroom size and more TA's."

Another major concern for teachers is job security. "Our contracts are from 4-8 months, and then it depends upon the hiring policies of that department. We have no job security," declared Kelly.

U of T's proposal was greeted with much dismay. The University focused on wage increases, offering a 5.5% increase across the board for 1st year TA's, 5% for 2nd and 3rd year TA's, 6% for those with MA's, and 7% for Undergraduates.

In addition, the University offered a $50 bonus settlement for those who accepted the deal, which TA's have regarded as a cheap bribe.

Furthermore, the members on the bargaining committee were offered $150 if they accepted the offer, but the committee unanimously rejected the proposal.

This disappointing bid by U of T, however, did not dim the hopes of the Union. In fact, if anything, it spurred them on to a strike.

The University's last attempt to waiver the strike was considered a feeble try, and convinced TA's that administration was not taking them seriously.

Kelly affirms that "the spirit is very very high" among those on the St. George Campus.

The picketers have received much support from undergraduate students, the Arts and Science Students' Union, and other faculty members.

Professors from all fields have acknowledged their support and some have even cancelled classes.

Elsewhere, traffic has been turning back, deliveries haven't been going through, and the Post Office has respected the picket lines.

Organizers admitted that it is really difficult to tell how long a strike like this will go, but were hopeful that this will be a short one for the students' sake.

On the Homefront

The scene here at Scarborough Campus has been a little more subdued.

George Allen, a demonstrator for Microbiology, and an active striker, shared his thoughts on the current state of the strike.

Allen believes that the seemingly small response to the strike at Scarborough is "not due to apathy; it's due to them (TA's) not believing in the issues.

Some of it may be apathy, but some of it is just an unwillingness to stick their necks out."

Allen also pointed out that the number of TA's at Scarborough College is not that high, and that the shifts for the picketers are scheduled on a volunteer basis.

When asked what the feeling was among those pacing back and forth across our school entrances, Allen expressed, "It has been a little frustrating to have so many cars and people crossing the picket lines."

Allen added that although he did not expect students to sacrifice their marks, it would have been nice to see groups boycotting.

As to the University's proposal, Allen stated that he had voted against accepting the offer because "it was ridiculous."

The Union leaders had brought up sixteen major issues for the University to consider, but U of T not only flatly refused to listen, but used "delay tactics."

"They (University Administration) wouldn't talk about the major issues; their final offer was the same as they had offered in the beginning, plus a wage increase."

According to Allen, it was a bad bit of negotiation on part of U of T, and the Union was insulted by the whole proceeding.

Now, it is not only the dispute with their contracts, but a matter of dignity; teaching assistants want a clear indication that the school will listen and deal with the Union and their concerns.

Some of the central issues that Allen would personally like to see resolved include:

- reinstituting their right to grieve hiring and firing decisions (up to 1984, TA's had this ability).

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Letters to the Editor

"WICKED MOUTHS OF THE MEDIA"

In response to Hassan Partow's Western Media & The Falsification of Islam, which appeared in the February 21st edition of the *Underground*.

I am a Canadian, a believer in multiculturalism and in no way perceive Islam to be "a blood - thirsty, menacing religion." What I do find menacing is Mr. Partow's misguided perception of Western reality and the political instability in the Middle East.

First of all, the Western media does not control Western governments and the suggestion that the Western media is "out to destroy" the Arab Muslims is unfounded. May I suggest that Mr. Partow take a closer look at who has brought the plight of the Palestinians to the West. The newspapers I read have given me, as I am sure many other Canadians, great insight into the injustice that Palestinians face. The Western media has also given me some insight into the "most spiritual society on Earth" which according to Mr. Partow, the Iranian people were trying to create. Please Mr. Partow, do not insult the intelligence of Scarborough students, the Iran which took Americans hostage and is currently purging all of its political opposition deserves no sympathy or praise.

In Mr. Partow's article, he has transferred the problems the Muslims face in the West onto the shoulders of the Western media and has thereby neglected the true source of tension which revolves around irresponsible people supporting the use of violence in the name of Islam, which is evident in Iran. Mr. Partow also states that his article "doesn't mean that one should not objectively criticize the Muslim community, but we should beware of subjective criticism." I do not believe that Mr. Partow has a clear understanding of subjective and objective criticism. Where you have different people, cultures, and nations, you will always have different interpretations of these terms. Unfortunately Mr. Partow has failed to consider this fact.

Blaming the Western media will not help Muslims fully understand the complexity of issues which revolve around the perceptions held in the West, and it will only offend the right of free speech which is cherished in the Western world. Throughout Mr. Partow's article he demonstrated hostility and a clear degree of paranoia towards the West and Western media. This is far from constructive criticism. If Mr. Partow wishes to see a better picture portrayed of Muslims and the Arab world, cooperation between the Western media and Muslims is a noble objective but not at the expense of free speech and free thought.

John A. Turley
2nd year History

Dogmatic Hypocrisy

Re: The letter that appeared in the Feb. 7th edition of the *Underground*, Helen Christodoulou, Tom Brown and Don Rambajan responded to a previous item authored by Darryl McDowell by self-righteously advocating future censorship of his voice in the media.

The moral trio, believing McDowell's article was harmful, declared that harm (a loaded term) on psychological or social grounds constitutes a legitimate basis for the coercion of the individual on behalf of society. This is **opinion**, not objective fact as their tone would imply. In disagreeing with McDowell's opinion (as well as a right to his opinion), they label him a perpetrator of racial hatred to create an emotional smokescreen. Christodoulou and company have decided that the members of the university community are not fit to judge for themselves how to deal with a interpret differing opinions. Let **us** decide if McDowell's words are valid or not. John Stuart Mill wrote: "Judgement is given to men that they may use it. Because it may be used erroneously, are men to be told that they ought not to use it at all?" I believe that the public, and especially university students, are qualified to critically evaluate the myriad of diverse opinions pertaining to an issue. But, sadly, Christodoulou and her minions would rather select the voices we are to hear. They claim they "do not believe in censorship of the press, just censorship of McDowell." This is a deceptive but hypocritical argument, since the ability to censor a select individual, if granted, sets a dangerous precedent for the future. Mill also wrote: "All silencing of discussion is an assumption of infallibility."

Indeed, have certain issues become so sensitive, so emotion-laden, that questioning and dissent are intolerable? Is the university no longer a place where the structures that insulate a relatively unenlightened public do not apply? It seems that the university setting has in fact become **more** tolerant and narrow-minded than the society which surrounds it. If free speech is violated, then let the law deal with it.

Christodoulou equates the "stability of the social fabric" with the "harmonious relationship between different ethic groups", rather

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Tony Nappo
Sports Editor

Good-Bye Felix

I don't want to get too emotional, as that's not my nature, to which many people will readily attest, but a responsibility to speak has forced me into a corner. Thus, I shall speak. An incredible lack of support has been felt this year at the *Underground*. The slack has been picked up all year by Felix Tan. It was sad to see Felix leave the *Underground* amidst a flood of insinuations and negative public opinion. Felix's judgement to print whatever a Scarborough student wanted to express in our own newspaper has been attacked. This aside, his dedication to the *Underground* as a student was exemplary. He was involved in every aspect of the paper and put forth agreat deal of time and effort to make up for the waning support of the students. It is good to see students now rallying to save our paper as our voice must continue to be heard, be it a new voice or not.

Finally, I ask that Felix be remembered for the dedication and not the negative image now connected with the paper. It was a pleasure to work with you Felix. You did a good job.

For Your Info

Resume Writing Seminar

Thursday, Mar., 2, 2:00-3:00 p.m.. Enrollment is limited so register as soon as possible in the Career Centre, Room S302. There is a fee of $2.00 for materials.

Need Help

Counselling Services maintains a list of tutors in the various disciplines for student use. Come into Room S302 and have a look at the binder.
Visit the Career Centre (S302) and our friendly Career Planning Assistants (C.P.A.'s) will be happy to help you with career planning, your resume, ACCIS forms, On Campus Recruitment, Networking and assistance with the Career library.

Armenian Students Association

General Meeting Mar., 3rd, 7:00 p.m. $1.00 admission. Please attend this important meeting. Call Ani at 492-8625 for location and/or information.

Economics Students' Association

"Career Week" attended by Midland Doherty Ltd., on Wed., 1st and The Ministry of Treasury & Economics on Thurs., 2nd located in the Council Chambers between 5:00-7:00 p.m.. Everyone is welcome.

French Lecture

"Francophonie ou Francophobie" with Moustafa Marrouchi, University of Toronto. Council Chambers (S403) from 10:30-11:30 am. Fri., 3rd.

"Latin Rhythms"

Live music from Latin America. Meeting Place from 1:00-2:00 pm. Fri., 3rd.

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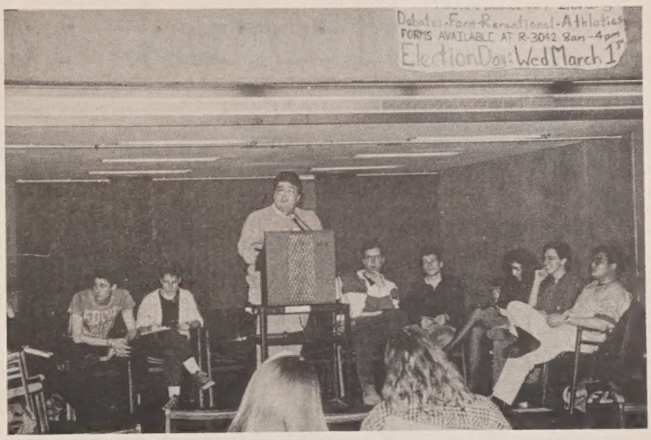
- to be able to have group grievances (for unfair working conditions, etc.)
- that graduate students be given preference over outside workers
- to be given some job security
- to change the policy entailing that a TA's previous experience does not count when they reapply for a job
- to have job descriptions outlined in detail
- to crack down on class sizes and the student to TA ratio
- for the University to post job openings regularly
- for a dental plan (which all other U of T employees have)



Buses From Hell

by Evelyn Barsby

A cheap holiday to Ft. Lauderdale, Florida, organized by students from both York University and the University of Toronto with the Hi Life Tour Company ended up being a vacation infested with problems. On February 10, 1989, having paid $259 for a nine day vacation, two hundred students left for sunny Florida. Problems began on the way there, while one bus was held at the border for not having sufficient documents to enter the United States, another bus broke down in Pennsylvania. Although their vacation was cut down by eight hours, most students did not really care once they finally got to Florida.

While in Ft. Lauderdale, the students stayed at the Jolley Roger Hotel. 'Jolly' cockroaches were found in the rooms along with 'jolly' feces on the towels. The 'Jolly' cleaning staff refused to change the sheets or clean the mildew covered bathrooms. Once again, most students were happy just being in Florida and forgot about their problems after having complained three times.

The beach also had its share of the problems. Two girls contracted cold sore-like diseases on their faces due to bacteria found in the sand. No signs were posted, but students did notice that only tourists went on the beaches. Everyone who lived there stayed at the pools, but no one bothered to inform them of the bacteria. One girl stated, "The disease developed on the side of my face, if I had not seen a doctor on time, it probably would have spread all over my body."

If all this was not enough, their trip home was horrendous. At ten o'clock, on February 18, they were all kicked out of their rooms (two hours ahead of time), to make accommodations for the new arrivals. They were returned only part of their deposit money, the remaining portion was withheld by the hotel for damages that did not exist.

In addition, the currency they received was Canadian, which in turn could not be used on the return trip. Most of the students had depended on this money to purchase food on the way home. Designers of Travel Unlimited were supposed to send some coaches to pick up the students at twelve noon. Eight hours passes until finally school buses showed up to take them home. Fourty-four students refused to get on the buses and waited for another hour while Karen Lickorish, one of the students, tried to organize some Designer coaches. They finally got on the road, but the smooth ride did not last long. The bus was involved in a major accident on the highway in West Virginia. According to Bill Burrows, "the other car was totalled and the guy was seriously injured". On the bus, a student, Dale Dulmage, was also hurt and rushed to hospital. The next five hours were spent on the bus, while they waited for a tow truck. The police troopers found that one of the drivers did not have a license, and placed a safety violation on the bus for insufficient treads. Six hours later the bus was fixed , but the driver refused to have the bus rechecked by police to lift the safety violation. He had also been told to replace the driver with no license. (In the United States, two drivers are required for every four hour shift.) He said, "I'll pick up another driver in Washington, which is only two hours away." He did not do so and drove illegally for sixteen hours in an unsafe bus.

Having no money, no showers, and almost no food for two and a half days, the students finally arrived at York University on February 20th, on "the bus from Hell".

Peter Diamakos, representative for the Hi Life Venture Tour Company, stated he is not sure if students will be receiving any form of compensation. His company has disassociated themselves from Designer Buses.

It is expected nine-hundred students will be using Designer Buses this winter. The forty-four students on the "bus from hell" are expected to sue either Hi Life Venture Tours and/or Designers of Travel. Meanwhile, four buses left for Ft. Lauderdale last Friday.

S.A.C. Forum

by Kim Clarke & Robert Leighton

The annual S.A.C. forum was held this past Tuesday in the Meeting Place. It began at approximately 12:00 noon and continued until 1:30 P.M. All of the candidates were present and took the opportunity to summarize their respective platforms and to answer questions from interested students.

As has been the case in past years, the number of interested students in attendance was extremely limited. Discounting those who gave the forum a brief, curious glance on their way through the Meeting Place, less than 100 individuals actually sat and listened to the ideas presented.

The first to speak were Presidential Candidate Charles Blattberg and V.P. Candidate Kristin Honey. Blattberg briefly outlined his intentions concerning a reorganization of the "floundering" Council and a $300,000 surplus reserve, which he claimed was "sitting idle", and should be devoted to serving student needs. He listed, as possible uses for this extra cash, the building of of a pedestrian tunnel at the Hart House crossing on the St. George Campus, and increased shuttle bus service "at least twice a week" to and from the various campuses. These actions are intended to coincide with spending reforms which include the elimination of "expensive projects such as Housing Information Night and The Leadership Conference." The money saved by these cuts would go towards the institution of a "College Concert Fund" with which to "get bigger, better bands." He also added that his S.A.C. would reform their staffing procedures, replacing part-time positions with "professionals" who would perform their functions for more than the period of one year. The Governing Council would be "given more attention."

The next to speak were Tom Brown and Al O'Hanlon. Along with the creation of 24-hour study space on the downtown campus, and increases library hours for all the campuses, they intend to increase communication and cooperation between S.A.C. and the various campuses. An "expanded and improved" photocopying service , ivestigation and improvement of shuttle service, and increased aid and support for campus clubs are also on their agenda. Brown, with two years experience dealing with the O.F.S., sees it as being "confused and ineffective." He intends to oppose joining O.F.S., but adds he welcomes informed student input and opinion on the subject. Finally, Brown and O'Hanlon propose an "Academic Guide", produced in the same format as the Safety Guide, listing tips on "research,...writing of essays, and...resources available to students."

Jill Lawless and David Smith, listing themselves as the Socialist Action Slate, propose a less academic, more socially-active Council. Leaving mundane issues like shuttles and photocopiers aside, they focus instead upon the University's political activities. They promise to fight for "free tuition and affordable student housing." They hope to decrease corporate involvement in University affairs and curriculum, eliminate the presence of military and external political influences on campus, and support joining O.F.S. in order to "build a fighting student movement." They intend to "fight racism and sexism, on and off campus." Towards this end they propose support for"anti-imperialist struggles, from El Salvador to South Africa," the full funding of the Women's Centre, and equal social and employment rights for homosexuals, women, and people of colour, both on campus and off. They pledged their support for all union causes, from our T.A.'s to Toronto Hydro workers to South African miners. They pledge to fight the granting of university contracts to non-union labour, and to help organize campus workers. They regard education as a "union issue."

Finally, Chris Thieseenhausen and John Albers promises "serious fun." They pledged co-operation, accessibility and "sound fiscal management" as their intentions. By eliminating the salaried positions of Executive Assistant from the payroll, they intend to pump more money into campus clubs, a properly organized Orientation Week for Frosh, and a combined "Oktoberfest and Carnival" Homecoming "to reflect our diverse origins." They would support funding of the Women's Centre, but add that they would grant individual students the right to withdraw their financial support (which amounts to approximately 15 cents per student) if they feel strongly against this action. They pledge to review and amend (as necessary) various By-Laws, produce an accurate Datebook and Directory in time to be useful to students, and to increase Student-Council communication by replacing "English (for) babble as the official language of S.A.C.

The session then open to the floor for questions •

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Editorial

The students of Scarborough College have decided that they do not want a campus newspaper. At an emergency meeting late last week, less than one percent of the full time students attended to express an interest in maintaining this paper. But it is because of these students that the Underground will continue to publish for the remainder of the school year.

"Scarborough's students...in their self-containment and accompanying sense of community...possess tremendous resources which have yet to be fully exploited. Scarborough needs only to recognize their own achievements in order to convince the rest of U of T that they will be a powerful force in the years ahead." This glowing vision of Scarborough printed in the 1985 edition of the Varsity Student's Handbook has yet to materialize.

Levels of student involvement in extra curricular activities has fallen to dangerously low levels. Several clubs and student groups have fallen by the wayside due to lack of participation from the student body. The Underground almost fell victim to this trend.

There are many students who may ask why Scarborough needs an independent paper. They have criticisms of the Underground, but by not making them known directly to the paper, they do not create an inspiration for change. Other students may ask what does having a college paper do for me? All college papers have a duty to inform their readers of events on or off campus that affect their interests, whether it is abuses of power by students council members, policy changes by administration, or events on campus. There is also the responsibility to present informed viewpoints about college issues and current world events, and to allow for informed debate about these topics from its readership. If the interests of its readers are consistently not being met, it is up to these readers to participate by writing an article themselves, or by bringing their criticisms to the editors.

The word "participation" frightens students. It implies involvement, and by involvement, implies work. Participation can take one of many forms. It can be represented by running for an elected position, or by voting for the individuals who do, either by a direct vote, or a voided ballot to protest the choices or the system. But the most important and simplest way to participate comes through merely voicing an opinion to an individual or group that has the resources to make changes, irregardless of whether the opinion is one of complaint or congratulations.

Students at Scarborough do not participate. Your friends, your classmates are not participators; perhaps you do not participate either. Does Scarborough need you?

The Underground has been allowed to survive because a small fraction of the students care. We know our duty to the student body. Do you know yours?

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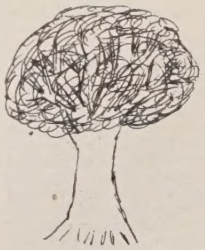


(However, several of those who died in their sleep donated their bodies to Journalism)

Announcement!!
SCSC General Elections (1989)

Nominations open:
Wednesday March 1, at 9:00am
Nominations close Tuesday March 14, at 4:00pm

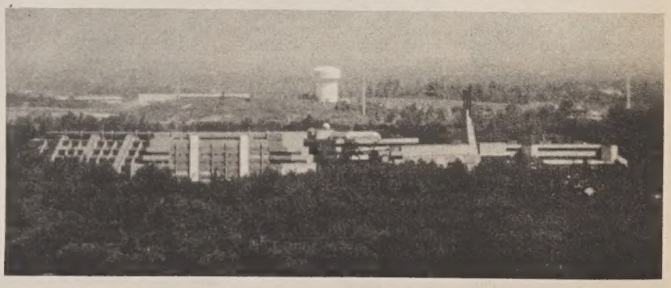
All candidates meeting Tues., March 14, at 6:00pm located in SCSC office (R-3042)

Campaign period Wednesday March 15, at 12:01am to Monday March 27, at 11:00pm

All candidates forum on Mon. March 27, at 12:00pm located in the Meeting Place

Election dates: Tues. March 28 and Wed. March 29 from 10:00 until 7:00pm

ALL POSITIONS ARE OPEN!!



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The Commentary

Canada; Refugees and Human Beings

by Tracy Brown

According to armchair critics Canada has been inundated over the last twenty years with foreigners claiming to be refugees. These foreigners have taken advantage of the system; they have violated our borders and landed on our shores; they have exploited Canadians, taken our jobs, our homes, and our welfare.

Recent media attention on this influx of refugees into Canada has served to aggravate these sentiments and has led to outbursts of xenophobia, racism, ethnocentrism, hysteria and outright hostility. We have heard cries to close the borders and to send all the foreigners back to where they came from. Self-righteousness and ignorance abound. Need I ask how many of these armchair critics have been in Sri Lanka, Ethiopia, Iran or El Salvador lately?

Before any discussion of the refugee problem it is essential to define what we are talking about. What is a refugee? And what is the difference between an immigrant and a refugee? Most commentary can be discredited on the grounds that this distinction is ignored.

Immigrants are those who are "pulled" away from their homes by the hopes and prospects of a better life (often false and glorified), and refugees are those who are "pushed" away by factors in their countries such as economic hardship, persecution, and fear for life, liberty and security. Unlike immigrants, refugees cannot return home. They have lost protection in their country (authorities could or would not protect them against war, invasion, or unrest) or protection from their country (persecution by secret police, military or paramilitary forces, death squads etc.). Some refugees may have had time to prepare before they fled while others have had to flee with only the clothes on their backs. Fear is the biggest common denominator among refugees.

Refugees are not immigrants therefore policy to deal with refugees should not be confused with immigration policy. While immigrants have to prove their ability to successfully establish themselves in Canada, refugees do not. Like every other sovereign nation, Canada has the right to choose its immigrants and to limit their numbers, but Canadians cannot choose their refugees nor limit their numbers. What the Canadian government can do is devise a refugee status determination system which is both fair and efficient. In accordance with the UN Convention, the premise of this refugee policy must be, first and foremost, the protection of refugees.

No one can deny that the old refugee system had serious problems and was easily abused. The huge backlog of claimants kept too many lives in limbo. Refugee advocates as much as government officials pushed for changes to the Immigration Act of 1978.

Finally in 1987, in the wake of the media induced hysteria after a boat load of Sikhs landed on the shores of Nova Scotia, Benoit Bouchard, the then Minister of Employment and Immigration introduced Bill C55 and C84 in Parliament. These bills were developed in an atmosphere of media pressure and, needless to say, were not the kinds of changes refugee advocates had in mind. Despite protests and opposition from immigration lawyers, human rights organizations, humanitarian and social service agencies, church groups, and every other informed citizen, Bill C55 and C84 were railroaded through parliamentary readings. Bill C55, the new refugee determination system, would eventually be passed through the Senate with minor modifications. Bill C84, known as the "Deterrents and Detention Bill" because it provided the legal framework to "clamp down" on what the government viewed as the "widespread abuse" of the determination procedure, was held up in the Senate and contested on all fronts.

Bill C84 allowed for detainment without review or appeal; search and seizure by immigration officials in homes, offices and other places without a warrant; interdiction of ships with no opportunity for refugee claims; and penalties for anyone who knowingly aids, abets, organizes, induces or attempts to aid, abet etc, the coming to Canada of a person or group who do not have the proper travel documents. This, of course, would incriminate a good many church groups and concerned citizens who aid refugees. Provisions in Bill C84 have been criticized as clearly unconstitutional because of their violation of the Charter of Rights and Freedoms. In addition, the Bill infringes on Canada's obligations under the UN Convention and Protocol.

Bill C55 is based on a preliminary screening also called the "credible basis" test. The idea is to weed out "bogus" refugees before they actually make a claim, since no refugee can be denied a hearing once he/she has made a claim.

The new refugee determination system has been operating since January 1, 1989, and has already been the subject of great controversy. The system was rushed into operation and the government is so committed to this new system that they will not address the many serious problems: immigration officials are totally unsympathetic to the plight of refugees and are ignorant of the issues; lengthy interrogations of claimants upon their arrival in Canada without having access to counsel; too stringently applying the sreening test.

In the first two weeks of January, nine claimants were denied a hearing. Of these nine, three were considered legitimate refugees by refugee advocates, but they were only able to prevent the deportation of one. It would be interesting to follow the cases of deported refugee claimants who were never given the chance to fully plead their case...The one claimant who was saved from deportation by legal manoeverings was an Ethiopian man whose Mother and Father were killed by the army; whose brother was tortured and is presently in a refugee camp; and who he himself was in a refugee camp before coming to Canada. If it wasn't for many concerned Canadians, this man would have been deported. If the system denies protection to one refugee it will have failed.

Fortunately, the government has not as yet decided to use the "third country" or "safe country" list. Bill C55 stipulated that persons travelling to Canada through certain "safe" countries would be turned back at our borders within seventy two hours without a hearing on the merits of their claim. If the United States was considered "safe" one can only imagine the devastating effects this would have on Central and South American refugees.

Hopefully, pressure on government officials to abide by international humanatarian responsibilities and legal obligations will ensure that the Canadian refugee policy does not work against those it is suppose to protect.

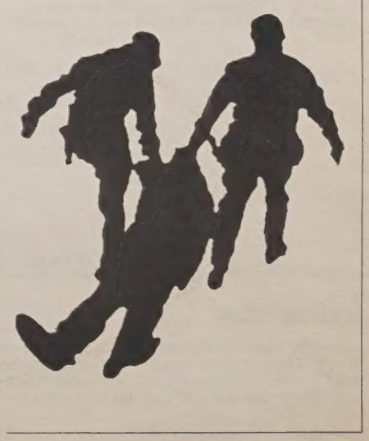
There will always be claims which cannot be considered within the refugee system, but we cannot automatically conclude that these claimants are abusers and liars wanting to exploit Canada. Undeniably there are abusive claims, but the majority make claims in good faith and just do not qualify for refugee status. Those who do make it to our borders have often overcome great odds and sacrificed a lot. It is not difficult to understand why people try the refugee system-they want to go somewhere, anywhere, and often the door marked "refugees" is their only hope. As long as there are inequalities and disparity in this world there will always be those who seek a better life through the refugee door.

Canadians never question their right to travel, live and work where ever they so choose, but when it comes to foreigners coming to Canada it's amazing how narrow minded, egotistical, selfish, and (once again) self-righteous Canadians can be.

Refugees and immigrants alike make positive contributions to this society in terms of economy, demography, and culture - they produce, consume, and pay taxes. Not to mention the fact that at the present rate of growth the Canadian population will decrease from twenty-six to twenty-three million people by the middle of the 21st century. This is not to say that the existence of refugees is positive - ideally there would be no refugees at all, but that Canadians will have to come to terms with their xenophobia.

We Canadians will have to learn to live with refugees. Closing our borders and our eyes will not make the refugee problem go away. It is really a world problem that Canada cannot escape.The Organization for Economic Cooperation and Development has estimated that of the seventy to eighty million migrating peoples in the world, approximately ten to fifteen million are refugees. It is in this greater context that we should view the 155 Tamils or a few thousand Salvadoreans who seek refuge in Canada. And when we are feeling particularly self righteous-we can ponder Canadian complicity in creating the world refugee problem.

Being born in Canada, we cannot understand what it is to live with fear, with danger, with walls riddled by machine guns, and daily asking ourselves: will they kill me today? We will never know absolute poverty. Our children will not die from diarrea. And they will almost certainly never be tortured. Perhaps we should not be so quick to pass judgement on those who come knocking at our door.



GOVERNING COUNCIL AND ACADEMIC BOARD ELECTIONS

FULL-TIME AND PART-TIME UNDERGRADUATE STUDENTS

Governing Council Elections for full-time and part-time undergraduate students are being held by ballot box. The dates and times of voting on the Scarborough campus are as follows:

Evening Polls	March 6th - March 9th, 1989 5 p.m. - 9 p.m. Meeting Place
Day Polls (jointly with SAC)	March 8th and 9th, 1989 10 a.m. - 5 p.m. Meeting Place R-Wing, Library

Printed below are the candidates' statements that were submitted as part of the nomination form.

GOVERNING COUNCIL

FULL-TIME UNDERGRADUATES -- ARTS AND SCIENCE

PELINO COLAIACOVO

As a member of this years Academic Board, I have become more familiar with some of the issues facing University of Toronto students. Concerns with the lack of residence space, poor student-teacher ratios, and constant underfunding are virtually always at the forefront of Governing Council debate. Effective representation of students' views on these difficult issues is both necessary and desirable. I believe I have the ability for this job. Thank you for your support.

NATALIE DERZKO

Being a strong outspoken advocate, I recognize the need for effective student representation on the Governing Council. More emphasis needs to be put on making U of T friendlier and more accessible to students. We benefit from U of T's social and academic diversity, but also need to be heard on issues from examinations to entertainment. Students must come first. Your voice on GC is Natalie Derzko.

DAINA GROSKAUFMANIS

As a third -year student, I want to join with previous student Governing Council representatives who have shaped university policy regarding the sale of university lands, student housing, and anti-apartheid policy. I will work to ensure that if a matter comes to Council that affects you, you will know about it. Key decisions are being made at our university; our voice must be heard. I will work to earn your trust.

KERRY HAYWARD

The Socialist Action Slate is the only alternative for students sick of the status quo. We demand a democratic university. End racism and sexism through student control of curriculum a fully funded women's health clinic on campus. SAC must join the Ontario Federation of Students. Only through a united youth movement can we fight the crises of access, housing, and underfunding. Join the struggle for control of our university, support the Socialist Action Slate.

RAGHU KRISHNAN

The Socialist Action Slate is the student's alternative. We believe student representatives should organize students to fight for control of what goes on at OUR university. Corporations, the military, and government-appointed "administrators" have no place on our campuses. The university should be run by student, faculty, and staff to address the problems of the world we live in. Casting a vote is NEVER enough. Students must organize to bring about genuine change.

CATHERINE MOROZ

My one year's experience on Governing Council has allowed me to seize the importance and scope of its responsibilities. ACCESS will be replaced by telephone registration. A housing policy was recently drafted. Many issues have yet to be addressed: land development and overcrowding (both related to underfunding) and an academic discipline policy review. Your representatives must be able to voice the concerns of students in making informed and conscious decisions on these issues.

PART-TIME UNDERGRADUATE STUDENTS

BARRY McCARTAN

I am seeking re-election to Governing Council so that I can continue to protect the rights of part-time students. As a member of GC, I have fought actively for part-time access to family housing, improved funding for child care, and more student input into the planning of U of T buildings, especially residences. I also represented part-time students in deciding who would select the next President of U of T.

DAVID POWER

Rapid changes are taking place within the University as it seeks to redefine itself and prepare for the coming decades. Strong representation on Governing Council is necessary for part-time students to insure their place and rights within the University. I seek a fourth term as your representative because I believe that my experience and commitment and understanding of the issues and the process can provide you with a strong voice.

JAKE LEISHMAN

No statement was submitted.

ACADEMIC BOARD

FULL-TIME UNDERGRADUATES -- ARTS AND SCIENCE

JOHN BEISHLAG

I am a St. Michael's College student, in my second year of studies at U of T. I hope to serve as a member of the Academic Board of Governing Council, as I feel my energy and enthusiasm will help me represent the students of U of T at this very important institution.

SHARON CARDASH

If you want your concerns and needs conveyed to Governing Council's Academic Board, I will do the job. As Finance Commissioner of U.C.'s Student Council, and as a member of both College Council and the U.C. Scholarship and Bursary Committee, I have the experience necessary to represent your interests, as they relate to crucial matters such as admissions and enrolment policies, and curriculum regulations. For effective representation, vote Sharon Cardash.

DIRK LAUDAN

I am interested in academic issues, particular the problems students face with the complex nature of the U of T's academic structure. Also, I am concerned with recent changes in curricula and academic programmes. My experience on the Trinity College Joint Board of Stewards give me insight into the way things on a University governmental level, and I can be an effective and articulate advocate of student interests.

LOUIS MURILLO

Reasons why you should vote for Louis
1. The quality of education at U of T is dropping sharply
2. Bursaries for undergrads are virtually unheard of
3. You should not have to pay just to see your final exams
4. Visa students should not have to pay so much
Challenge apathy, and a mediocre intellectual experience. Vote Louis.

PETER NAGLIK

The Academic Board in its first year has become on of the most important bodies at U of T. As a Scarborough College student I hope to lend a strong suburban point of view to the Board. I feel that my experience at SAC, Hart House and SCSC will give students a strong voice on the Board. I would appreciate your support.

PENNY VLAHOS

No statement was submitted

BRING YOUR STUDENT CARD

A full-time student is defined as one who is enrolled in 4 or more full-course equivalents over two terms. A part-time student is enrolled in less than 4 full-course equivalents.

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Ricardo Mashregi questioned Tom Brown with respect to the fact that Scarborough students contribute $65,000.00 to the SAC and receive only $15,000.00 in return for services and support. Mr. Brown answered by re-emphasizing his intentions for improving Scarborough Campus activities and events, and the implementation for a Computer Centre in the Library for students to use for essay writing, etc.

Don Rambuen questioned Blattberg on the issue of the Hart House tunnel. He expressed his doubts concerning both its validity as an issue an the accuracy of the estimated cost of $300,000. Blattberg stressed the danger of the present situation for students, claiming to have been "almost hit (by traffic) on two occasions." He also claimed that, through his consultations with design engineers and map studies, he has found this project to be "feasible and extremely workable."

Ari Hubert questioned Lawless on the meaning of their statement: "kick military and political police off campus." South replied that this means the dedication of University research to more socially beneficial goals then "finding new, more interesting ways of killing people." When asked how they planned to provide free tuition, Lawless replied: "Corporations are going to pay for it."

Tim Sullivan challenged Blattberg concerning a report in The Varsity in which he allegedly agreed that the vote performing of Scarborough Computer Centre was done simply to appease certain "Scarberian whinners." Blattberg denied the quote and stated his unconditional support for The Centre.

Ricardo Mashregi rose again to question Blattberg concerning his intended vote on the C.O.P.O.U.T. referendum on SAC's restructuring. Blattberg replied that he agreed that the Council needs "fundamental reforms" in the areas of staff, spending and leadership. However, he stressed his opposition to accountability reform imposed from without and that his vote would be "No." His desire is to reform the Council from within.

Anti-Calender Takes

by Dennis Balatbat

The way has been paved for the anti-calendar to go through next year with the co-operation of Scarborough College Council (SCC).

In a crowded meeting, College Council voted on distributing the anti-calendar questionnaire with administrations own evaluation forms at the end of this term. Furthermore, the statistics compiled by the Associate Dean will be made available to Scarborough College Students' Council (SCSC).

Last year's student council, headed by Hanif Sarangi, was denied access to the results to the annual evaluation by administration. The anti-calendar issue was left for the newly-elected SCSC executives to tackle. The then newly elected President, Ruth-Claire Alinas, was keen on producing an anti-calendar for Scarborough students. She and the rest of the new council created their own course evaluation questionnaires and handed them out to as many classes as possible during the last week of school.

Alinas commented: "only a couple of people did it. So we missed a lot of classes." Also, do to the fact that it was the last week of school, many students were not available to fill the questionnaire. Hence, a lot of courses had to be deleted from the first edition of the anti-calendar.

With the approval from SCC, Scarborough students will be ensured of a more informative pool of data to work with, both in terms of the number of students that fill out the questionnaire and all the other courses that were missed last year.

The job of tabulating the information from the questionnaire will be given to next year's student council. Kim Clarke, who chaired the first Scarborough anti-calendar, will be giving a few suggestions to whom ever will chair it next.

Asked to comment on the decision by SCC and the future of the anti-calendar, Clarke replies: "it's a step in the right direction."

New Computers for Scarborough

by Marcel Saumure

Good news for Scarborough students! Tom Brown, SAC's External Commissioner, has confirmed that our campus is to have a new computer/printing facility, hopefully to be installed and running by the week's end.

SAC is to purchase $13,000 worth of equipment including two Macintosh computers and one laser printer. Initially the computers, will be placed in the group study room in the library, but eventually, as Brown indicated, it will be moved into the typing room. In order to gain the most out of this service, Brown will have it monitored over the next little while, and as a bonus, use of the computer and printer will temporarily be free of charge to students.

At this point, the particulars for the facility are still being worked out between Head Librarian John Ball and SAC representatives. For further information, and purchase of blank disks, see the SAC desk on the 3rd floor mezzanine in the R-Wing; and stay tuned to the *Underground* for further details.

The Underground shall be holding its Annual General Meeting on Tuesday March 7th, located in the Council Chambers from 5:00 p.m. to 7:00 p.m. Everyone is encouraged to attend.

Last day to hand in nominations for the various masthead positions on the Underground shall be Friday March 3rd at 4:00 p.m.

Free Coffee
Come out to the Underground

Get involved and join the Underground today!!

We're located in Room H-213C or call us at 284-3147

Entertainment

Trip To The 'Burbs Isn't Worth Taking

by Andre Bijelic

The setting is a typical, California suburb. The sun is always shining and the weather is always pleasant. The houses are large and comfortable and all look the same. The lawns and gardens are neatly mowed and manicured, and the neighbours are a bit eccentric, but they're polite and well behaved.

It could be the neighbourhood in which Leave it to Beaver or a half-dozen other television shows of the 50's were set. But this is The 'Burbs, and into the burbs come some new neighbours, the Klopeks, who are a little different. They keep to themselves; they don't come out during the day. They don't take care of their house and they don't mow their lawns. And, for some reason they dig graves in their backyards.

Sounds promising so far, doesn't it? A nifty premise for a black comedy or a satirical look at life in suburbia.

It sounds even more promising when you realize it stars Tom Hanks (Big, Punchline and a Best Actor Oscar contender) as an average suburban dweller and Bruce Dern (Black Sunday, Coming Home) as his slightly disturbed Vietnam vet neighbor. And to top it all off, it's directed by Joe Dante (The Howling, Gremlins, Innerspace), who has a knack with mixing comedy and horror together.

So, what happened? Why is The 'Burbs as bad as it is? The answer is simple: the script. The script, by one Dana Olsen (whose distinguished credits include episodes of Laverne and Shirley and the dismal movie

Going Beserk), is a mess that desperately wants to be a comedy, a horror movie, a satire, and a meaningful commentary on mass paranoia all at once. It's not that it isn't possible to combine all these elements into a good script, it's just that it requires a talented writer to do so - and Dana Olsen isn't one.

The trick to doing this sort of thing is to make it ambiguous as to whether the Klopeks are really psychotic mass murderers or just a family that chooses to be slightly different. Well, in The 'Burbs, there is no real ambiguity. You know from the outset that these new neighbors are weird. Also, the script should build to the climax in which we find out exactly what the KLopeks are. In The'Burbs, we never really do find out what they are and why they are what they are. Instead of building up to the moupup up to the moment carefully, Olsen tosses out a lame "explanation" to the audience almost as if it were an afterthought, and not the most important part of the movie.

This isn't to say that The 'Burbs is all bad. It does have its moments. There are a few funny scenes and Tom Hanks is pretty good as Ray Peterson, a typical suburbanite who desperately wants to get to now his neighbors better and find out what's going on. But Hanks isn't nearly as good as he is in either Big or Punchline and the rest of the cast is wasted. The actors are reduced to yelling at each other in an attempt to infuse some life and energy into the thing. Unfortunately it doesn't work.

The movie looks nice, too. Dant's camera work is typically stylish. His camera cranes and tracks through the houses, backyards and sidewalks, but even that does little to disguise the fact that the material he's dealing with is hopelessly thin.

The'Burbs ultimately amounts to little more than an elaborate episode of the Flinstones. It's just too bad that this movie isn't as intelligent, insightful, or as well written as one.

The *Underground* wants You!

Drop by H213C anytime and say hi. (Free Coffee!)

Rez Beat

(a.k.a. the world according to A7 cuzz we rote it, eh?)

The goal of this column is to provide info on what be happnen in rez. Since nothing happens in residence, we may have to publish poetry.

But seriously folks, if there is any residence event you would like to announce, (quitting bees, cornshucking parties etc.) please notify the people of A7.

Two Student Village Council members are rumored to have unofficially stated that possibly absolutely nothing has been organized for next week. (try to sue us for that suckers!)

Now on with more incoherent babbling:

OLGA'S COCKTAIL OF THE WEEK
BAHAMAPAPA 1 1/2 oz. light rum - 1/2 oz. black berry brandy - 1/4 oz. bols kirschwasser - 2 oz. sweet cream shake with ice.

The Part-Time Anarchists are rumored to be offering three million dollars for the head of the Ayatollah Kockamamie. (More on the P.T.A. next week if they haven't blown up.)

RECIPE OF THE WEEK:
(REVISED VERSION: yes, it could be worse)
-nuke a cup of rice ahead of time
- cut and fry some onions and mushrooms until as crispy as Ted Bundy (WWF)
- fry rice in pan
- cut a pound of Tofu up into cubes and fry with rice
- squirt a ton of soya sauce into mixture
- toss in some salt and beef flavouring
- fry until looks good
- serve warm
[WARNING: The Surgeon General would not feed this to her dog.]

"If a tree fell on Bruce Cockburn, would anybody hear?"
"One cup of uncooked rice makes three cups of cooked rice."
-- *Confucious*

NOTICE: It is the official policy of the editors to avoid the publication of words of more than two syllables ... so Erindale can read this too!! Are I.D.S. just farmers?!? please clarify.

NEWSFLASH
DATELINE WESTHILL..

It has been rumored that the Student Village Council, (SVC) with their huge budget, has planned a variety of awe-inspiring activities in the very near future, such as regular video nights, pool tournaments, and sports events such as co-ed jello wrestling. For more info contact members of SVC executive ... whoever they are. **Alan Robertson, Bernard Podolski & Frank Wong**

Letters

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than with the more fundamental relationship that exists between **different people** within the milieu.

McDowell's personality type is likened to that of Adolf Hitler, because of his "disturbing ... emphasis on law and order, and his righteousness," which are "characteristics of the authoritarian personality." This is a flawed syllogism: Adolf Hitler emphasized law, order and righteousness; therefore (according to flawed logic), McDowell's personality type equals Hitler's. Or: Ronald Reagan is a man; I am a man; therefore I am Ronald Reagan. Belief in the "virtues of living peacefully among men", individual responsibility of own's actions, respect for private property and the law do not an authoritarian make.

If McDowell has become a martyr of sorts to expose the fanatical adherence of a vocal minority or majority who would extinguish cries of dissent by self-righteously declaring that freedom of speech applies only to those who uphold a certain opinion, then he has done well, regardless of the issue.

by Steven Lalanne
3rd year History

Nominations Open

The Underground is looking for editorial staff for 1989/90 academic year. These are paid positions:

- Editor
- Assistant Editor
- News Editor
- Entertainment Editor
- Sports Editor
- Photo Editor
- Business Manager
- Distribution Manager
- Typesetters

For more info, come to H-213C or call 284-3147.

The Commentary (continues)

AFGHANISTAN, VICTORIOUS AT LAST!!

by Ausma Khan

VICTORY AT LAST! FOR THE FIRST TIME IN HISTORY THE SOVIET UNION HAS LEFT A COUNTRY THAT IT INVADED, IN DEFEAT.

These should have been the headlines grabbing front page news in the past two weeks. Instead, media coverage of Afghanistan has followed a painfully familiar pattern. It is either non-existent, or when it comes, if focuses not on the spirit that caused the Soviet defeat, but on the problems to arise now that the Soviets are gone.

Strange, how a man like Salman Rushdie garners world-wide attention that results in a depiction of Muslims as fanatics, and Islam as a violent, backward social ethic aimed at destroying the civilized, intellectual West. At the same time news is breaking out about how that very same violent, backward social ethic has liberated a country and its people from a superpower that had never been defeated before. And this country, as agrarian society where the strongest weapon of the defenders was their faith.

The situation inside Afghanistan is both ironic and heartening. When Russia invaded Afghanistan in 1978, did they ever imagine that it wouldn't be much the same as a one-day roll through Czechoslovakia? The world was quiet because they predicted that Afghanistan, like Poland, Hungary, etc. would succumb quickly to the Soviet military might. Silent, too, on the was the Soviets arrived -- quickly relating the Soviet presence as the wish of the Afghan people. The news destined for small print was that the Soviet Union had installed a Marxist regime in the country, and that when popular support for the government in Kabul fell, the U.S.S.R. killed their own representative in a violent coup d'etat and seized military control of the nation. Najibullah, the Soviet puppet, claims to have support of the people. But ten years of bloody struggle within the country show that support is the last thing he has. The interests of the Soviet government and the Afghan people are not one and the same.

In many ways Afghanistan is the jewel of the continent. After their humiliation in Iran, the United States lost their most important base in the region. The U.S. couldn't afford to see Russia implement Communist policy in a nation that is strategically priceless. A trade route, an espionage centre, a meeting point of the great nations of Asia, a step towards the Persian Gulf, and most importantly, the last frontier against Communism. Certainly, America was eager to supply arms to the Mujahedin (Afghan soldiers) to halt the advance of the Russians any further into the region. Pakistan, too, has done her share. Absorbing three million Afghan refugees and being a funnel for arms into Afghanistan has created a so-called 'Kalashnikov culture' inside Pakistan. Despite Muslim solidarity, and the strong links between Pathans of both countries, the situation has not been entirely advantageous to Pakistan.

Roksana Usman, a native of Peshawar, comments "Violence is on the rise and so are drug smuggling and arms dealing. It has ruined Peshawar's economy." The legitimate economy, perhaps. The city is as bustling with business as it was hundreds of years before. Foreign policy regarding Afghanistan was a major issue in Pakistan's recent elections, and the Afghanistan-Pakistan link has enabled the United States to pressure Pakistan regarding its nuclear program. Continue it at the cost of aid to Afghanistan.

Politically and in its international implications, the situation in afghanistan is very complex. Whoever is 'in' with the Afghans will have diplomatic clout in the region and guaranteed passage along major trade routes. It comes naturally to other countries to put their own interests ahead of the interests of the Afghan people. The story that has gone largely uncovered during the ten year struggle is the story of the people. The horror stories that could rival Vietnam have been missing entirely from Western consciousness. A victory when all logic would indicate defeat has stirred no more than passing attention. The headlines, when they come, focus exclusively on the 'blood-bath that is certain to ensue as Afghanistan plunges into civil war.' What have the last ten years been if not a blood-bath?! Over one and a half million Afghans have been killed!

Five million Afghans have been displaced, fleeing either to Pakistan or Iran in an effort to put some stability back into their lives. For a Muslim country to come under Communist rule is almost unthinkable. Islam is a complete way of life. To threaten the sanctity of the religion as the Russians have done, is to threaten that complete was of life.

Aqa Muhhammad Safi is a doctor who came to Canada in an effort to leave the war behind. he recalls that "In Kabul they (the Soviets) watched the mosques. If you showed interest in them, you'd be taken away. We couldn't go for public prayer, but our faith was still strong and we prayed in our hearts." And this is only one aspect of the Afghan people's suffering. In the West we are not told of the thousands of ?Afghan children smuggled across the Soviet border to be indoctrinated with Communist beliefs. Few of us know that 75% of the villages in Afghanistan have been entirely destroyed. We do not hear of the Soviet soldiers' practice of gang-raping Afghan women and throwing their battered bodies from helicopters. The news does not tell us of the burning mountains of Afghanistan -- burning because Soviet helicopters have sprayed napalm over the forests in order to smoke the Mujahedin out from their cover. The practice frequently succeeds in burning the Mujahedin alive.

What we do hear is how violently and sickeningly the Mujahedin torture their Soviet enemies when they are caught. Almost as if the ?West is sympathizing with the Russian soldiers -- not civilians, but soldiers! Perhaps what is needed are the words of the Russians themselves. In a documentary of the war called "Witnesses", a soldier who deserted the Soviet army in Afghanistan recalls this episode: A beautiful, young Afghan girl, dressed all in white, was crossing a road with her brother. A Soviet officer was driving down this road in a jeep with a female companion. One moment there was a vision in white on the road. The next instant she was a piece of meat on the ground. When the jeep stopped, the officer and his companion took note of the blood on the jeep's tires. The Soviet officer was proud to inform the woman where it had come from. Her response? A shrug and "This is war."

And that is Afghanistan's reality. It has been day to day life of ten years. Maybe it's hard for us to grasp because we can't conceive of such deliberate, systematic cruelty. But that doesn't make it any less real for the Afghan people.

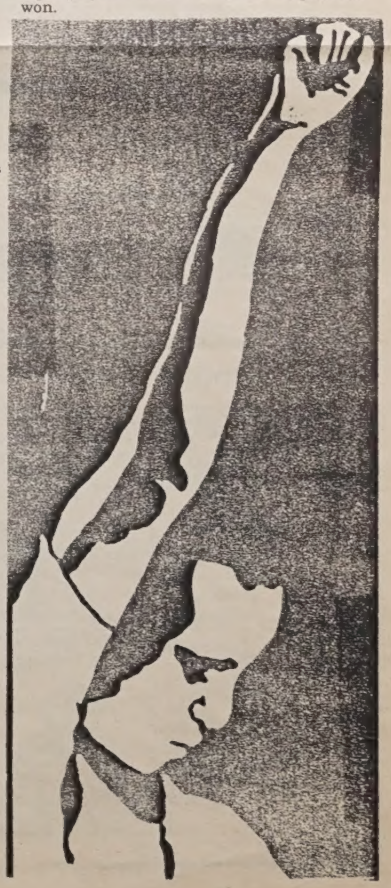
And how have they responded? Not with the infighting and politicking that the West insists is the case, but with the grace, beauty and integrity of their faith Islam. For the Afghan people consider this a holy war -- Jihad. Not Jihad as it often means, a struggle for knowledge, or a conquering of personal weakness of faith, but a forthright defence of Muslim land and Muslim people. This is the spirit that led the Afghan people to victory. They are already renowned as a fierce warrior people whose code of life is bound to honour and hospitality. Add to that the danger of losing their freedom of religion, and a formidable enemy has been created. The soviets learned this at the cost of 15,000 dead and a shattering political defeat. Gorbachev's glasnost can put on it whatever front it likes. But the truth boils down to three simple words: the Soviets lost.

And now a war-torn Afghanistan must be rebuilt. if the West's commitment truly is the sanctity of human life, rather than the interests of national politics, they will continue to supply financial aid to Afghanistan. God willing, Pakistan and other Muslim countries will not back down from the challenge. Under the direction of the Jami Mosque, Toronto's Muslim community has already begun collecting financial support for the future of Afghanistan.

The rest can be left to the Afghan people themselves. The Mujahedin have fought their Jihad and won. They have elected a president of their sever-party alliance. The West may label Sigbatullah Mojaddidi a moderate, but the labels of the West are not relevant. What matters is what the Afghan people want and how they see themselves.

International reaction to Salman Rushdie has revealed the West's deep resentment and misunderstanding of Muslims and Islam. Perhaps the Afghans' victory has been so downplayed because there is a fear of recognizing the positive values and influence of Islam. But the truth is the truth. The Russians brought however many troops they desired, and whatever military hardware they chose to Afghanistan. And who was the victor?

There is an outcropping of rock on the highest mountains of Afghanistan. It is a winter morning and the wind is brutal in its chilling intensity. The eye catches this scene: a solitary soldier on a square of raged cloth. You hear the waking rumble of helicopters. The soldier does not hurry. In the wind and chill he is kneeling -- kneeling in prayer to God. this was the weapon that won.



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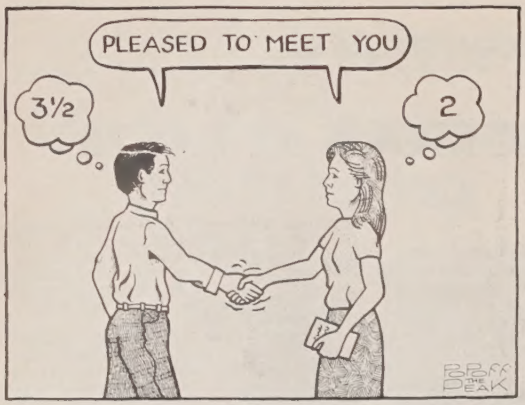

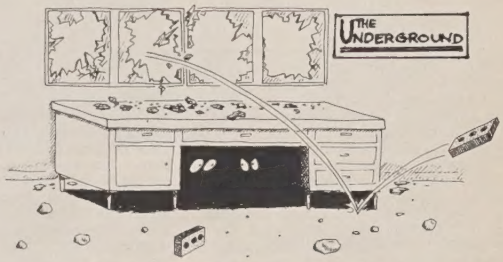

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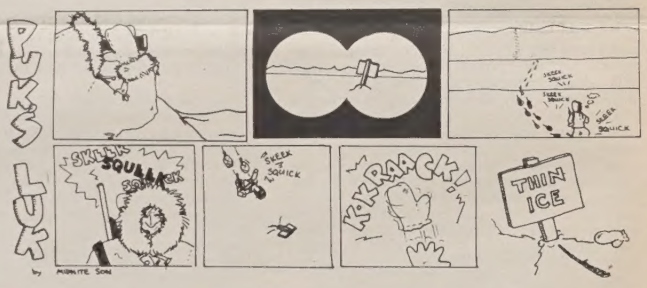

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Sports

Bad Attitude

by Tony Nappo

The Men's A volleyball squad will be facing two more games than they had anticipated in the play-offs this year. The team took to the court in acceptable form and dismissed the Engineering squad to the losers division of the play-offs. Facing their next opponents, the team did not fare so well. The New College team were strong but wouldn't have beaten Scarborough if it was a question of talent. The team played the game with what veteran Garth Smith called a "bad attitude." As a result the A's drop down to the losers division as well, and will be eliminated if they lose again, this being a double loss elimination set up. Had the team won they would have needed only one win to head to the finals but as things stand, they'll need three victories to reach the finals. Smith was very tight-lipped about revealing any more information as to the behind the scenes story but a gleam did come to his eye whenever the word play-offs was mentioned.

The Scoreboard

Indoor Soccer (Division 'B')

Team Standing	W	L	T	P
A.C.S.A.	3	0	1	10
Killer Bees	3	1	-	9
Phallix	2	2	1	7
FAC	2	2	-	7
Runni' Rebels	2	2	-	6
Destroyers	1	4	-	4
Hawks	1	3	-	3

Baseball ('A' Division)

Team Standings	W	L	T	P
Fourplay	4	1	1	9
Dream Team	3	2	1	7
Zoobs	2	1	2	6
Killer Tomatoes	2	2	2	6
Zacanychs II	2	3	1	5
Bushpigs	1	3	1	3

Baseball ('B' Division)

Team Standings	W	L	T	P
Brewins	5	1	0	10
Hawks	4	1	1	9
Chubsters	2	3	1	5
Slashers	2	4	0	4
Gonads	2	4	0	4
Pak Men	1	3	2	4

Indoor Soccer (Division 'A')

Team Standing	W	L	T	P
Steeles	4	1	-	12
Alumni	4	1	-	11
Lads	1	4	-	4
Bonecheads	1	4	-	3

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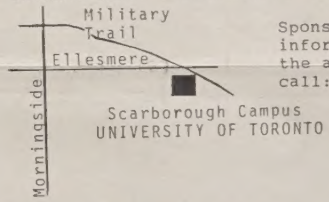

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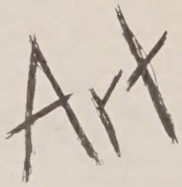

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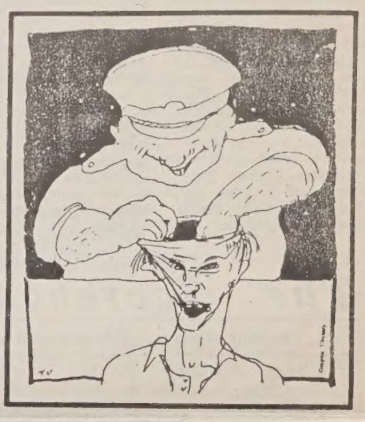

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